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In Chicago and Boston, prices were unchanged to lower on the larger sizes. In the Southern region, prices were unchanged to lower on mediums. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady to steadier and attempting to settle at current price levels. Demand was irregular and ranged slow to fairly good, slightly better in spot areas where features were a factor. Supplies were available and remained fully adequate to ample. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to ample for the light demand. Light type fowl were ample to burdensome for irregular schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents lower for extra large, unchanged to 3 cents lower for large, and unchanged on mediums. Prices paid to producers in New England were 5 cents lower on mediums and unchanged on the remainder of sizes. In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to instances weak and attempting to adjust at present levels. Demand was mostly light to moderate and somewhat better where specials were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were adequate to instances ample for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were ample for the light demand. Light type hens were ample to burdensome for irregular schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was about steady and attempting to settle at current price levels. Demand was mostly light to moderate and slightly better where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were adequate to instances ample.

MIDWEST Producer prices in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin down 2 cents for large and were unchanged for medium and small. Prices in other areas were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady at best to barely steady. Retail demand was slow to moderate with some spots noting improvement for the weekend or feature activity. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances ample. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light with buyers considering bidding lower prices for any product outside of regular commitments. Offerings were fully adequate. Floor stocks at least fully adequate to ample. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

CHICAGO Larger size prices down 2 cents, medium prices unchanged. Trade sentiment about steady. Retail demand irregular, light to instances fairly good. Scattered feature activity stimulating little additional interest. Distributive movement mostly moderate. Supplies adequate to ample with larger sizes in the longest position.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged to lower on medium. The market tone was unsettled at current price levels. Asking prices for next weeks trading were trending lower than the present week on the heavier weights. Demand was mostly light entering the weekend. Supplies were fully adequate for requirements. Breaking stock supplies were ample for the light demand. Light type hens were ample to burdensome for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week in California 2 cents lower on jumbo, 3 cents lower on extra large, 5 cents lower on large, and 3 cents lower on medium and small; in the Northwest 4 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 2 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings in good balance within the region, less burdensome from outside.

PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	90-96	77-84	75-77
New York	54-56	51-54	49-52
Philadelphia	52-62.5	50-60.5	48-51
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	49-50	47.5-49	41-42
Jackson (1)	57-58	56-57	50-51
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	53-67	51-65	46-60
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	44-49	43-48	38-43
Detroit (2)	44-47	43-46	34-37
Major Ohio Cities (2)	45-51	44-49	35-41
Major Wisconsin Cities	48-55	46-53	38-45
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	61-67	59-63	53-55
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	70-82	69-76	65-71
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	85	79	75
(1) - Prices Reported Weekly	(3) - Reported Invoice Prices		
(2) - Delivered Warehouse	(4) - Prices To Retailers		

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 2 cents lower on jumbo, 3 cents lower on extra large, 5 cents lower on large, and 3 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand moderate with improvement reported for next week with increased planned features. Offerings in good balance locally, not as plentiful from out of state. Small invoice price 55. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 79, extra large 20 pack 2 for \$3, large dozen 69-99.

CALIFORNIA

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	92
EXTRA LARGE	85
LARGE	79
MEDIUM	75

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	79-89
EXTRA LARGE	70-82
LARGE	69-76
MEDIUM	65-71

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-259
LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	187-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades lower. Demand for additional heavy nest runs was quiet with potential buyers bidding lower values for any product outside of regular commitments. Offerings were fully adequate. Floor stocks at least fully adequate to ample. Trade sentiment barely steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	25-29	25-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-14	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged to lower when compared to early week trading. Demand was light as offerings were ample for trade needs. Breaking schedules were reported as normal to heavy. The undertone was barely steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 28 April 2001 were 2% more than the previous week, but 12% less than a year earlier. PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	25.5-28	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	9-15	

EASTERN REGION AREA:
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 28-Apr-01
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,219,529	27,079	12,652	7,539	2,631	4,231
PW	1,190,645	26,773	12,017	6,710	2,424	4,137
LY	1,227,823	27,891	12,311	6,550	3,272	4,116
% PW	2	1	5	12	9	2
% LY	-1	-3	3	15	-20	3
2001	18,724,327	425,268	189,815	103,773	39,750	67,733
2000	19,279,053	438,389	191,577	104,357	49,383	64,186

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -		
CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
42.23	41.69	41.43

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 70 to 72 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady to mostly barely steady for whole egg, steady for whites, and cautiously steady to unsettled for yolk. Offerings of all products were adequate to at least adequate for needs with a few sellers showing slight discounts on whole egg and yolk to move excess product. Demand continued moderate to mostly good. Breaking stock supplies were at least fully adequate to ample with prices lower. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 04 May, 2001 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	CHANGE FROM	
			WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	30	26-29	27.40	-.96
WHITES	18	16-21.5	17.80	-.42
YOLKS	15	66-70	68.53	-1.53

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged on salt yolks, unchanged to slightly lower on whites, and unchanged to lower on whole and sugar yolks when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were limited on yolks, at least adequate on whole, and sufficient on white. Demand was irregular, with buyers cautious. The undertone was mixed, with traders usually barely steady at prevailing values. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending April 28, 2001 were 4% more than the previous week, but 8% less than a year ago.

	WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)		
	TRUCKLOTS	LTL	(MIN. 25 CONT.)
WHOLE	43-47	44-46	51-56
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		68-85
WHITES	29-34	30-32	36-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	79-82		82-86
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	76-80	77-79	77-82

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg ranged 1 to 3 cents lower, with whites irregular. Sugared yolk was 1 to 2 cents lower with salt yolk unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady for whole egg and salt yolk and steady for whites and sugared yolk. Offerings were generally adequate for current needs. Inventories on frozen product continue to be well cleared at this call. Demand was light to moderate. Breaking stock supplies were at least fully adequate to ample with prices lower when compared to last week. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	43-46	44-46
WHITES	29-34	29-31
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	79-81	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	77-79	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent lower on whole and yolks, unchanged on whites. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 4/28 was 3% less than the previous week. Frozen demand light and freezer stocks adequate. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS) LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	50-53
WHITES	36-39
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	86-89
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	83-86

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Majority prices were unchanged to lower on albumen and yolks, and usually lower on whole and blends when compared to a week earlier. The undertone unsettled, with most traders cautious and in a range of barely steady to weak. Supplies were irregular but generally tight on yolks, available on albumen and sufficient on balance. Interest was improving with demand reported in a full range of fair to occasionally good. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending April 28, 2001 were 9% more than the previous week, but 20% less than the same week a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.55-1.90	MOSTLY 1.60-1.75
YOLKS	1.78-2.05	MOSTLY 1.80-1.95
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.40-2.80	MOSTLY 2.45-2.60
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.40	MOSTLY 1.25-1.30

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 27, 01-MAY 03, 01

CURRENT LOADS 140.50								FUTURE LOADS 44.00								TOTAL LOADS 184.50							
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	27.75	30.50	29.50	30.29	30.18	32.90	25.50	GNR W 1	—	33.38	—	—	—	—	5.00	GNR W 1	—	33.38	—	—	—	—	5.00
GNR W 2	—	—	28.50	30.50	29.00	30.50	6.50	GNR W 3	—	33.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 3	—	33.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	29.50	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	44.50	—	—	53.00	1.00	GL W J	—	—	44.50	—	—	—	53.00
GNR BR 1	38.50	41.50	39.50	40.67	—	—	5.00	GL W XL	35.48	39.40	—	—	33.00	42.50	15.75	GL W XL	35.48	39.40	—	—	33.00	42.50	15.75
GL W XL	33.00	35.00	37.67	36.30	32.30	—	32.00	GL W LG	31.13	36.00	—	40.00	—	38.27	19.50	GL W LG	31.13	36.00	—	40.00	—	38.27	19.50
GL W LG	—	—	31.62	37.52	42.38	33.00	15.50	GL W MD	—	—	33.50	—	—	38.05	7.00	GL W MD	—	—	33.50	—	—	—	38.05
GL W MD	27.50	31.83	28.18	32.50	28.50	32.00	15.50	GL W SM	23.00	29.25	—	—	—	30.00	2.00	GL W SM	23.00	29.25	—	—	—	—	30.00
GL W SM	—	—	21.13	23.50	21.00	21.00	4.00	NRBS - 50	29.00	—	—	—	—	36.00	1.00	NRBS - 50	29.00	—	—	—	—	—	36.00
NRBS - 48	23.50	25.50	27.00	28.00	25.85	27.29	46.75	NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	21.00	34.20	3.75	NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	21.00	34.20	3.75
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	22.00	24.00	4.00																
NRBS - 39	24.00	—	24.75	—	—	17.50	7.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was light for ample to burdensome offerings. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Sales of canner product was clearing but due in part to less than regular processing schedules. The market tone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of light hens. Slaughter schedules were at desired levels but reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was weak.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were ample or better for current production needs. A large quantity of available spent hens continue to go into rendering facilities and other methods of disposal. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants generally worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0 (2)	

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 04-MAY-01
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	57.83	55.46	50.26
SOUTHERN	54.53	52.98	47.02
MIDWEST	48.07	46.83	38.78
WESTERN	77.69	73.36	68.74
TWELVE METRO AREAS	62.50	59.75	53.97
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS			

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were unchanged on lights but heavy canners were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand slowed in some locations, but still in a range of light to moderate. The undertone was steady on lights, and about steady to steady on heavy canners.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
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23.5-25 MAJORITY	33.5-39 MAJORITY 34-38
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CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24-27.5 MAJORITY 24-25	34-40 MAJORITY 35-38

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 28-Apr-01

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
(THOUSANDS)			
HEAD	1,791	1,396	3,187
LAST WEEK	1,706	1,410	3,116
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,036	1,424	3,460
TO-DATE/2001	31,505	22,411	53,916
TO-DATE/2000	34,626	23,306	57,932

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
(THOUSANDS)			
HEAD	410	23	433
LAST WEEK	417	13	430
SAME WEEK YR AGO	411	0	411
TO-DATE/2001	8,531	143	8,674
TO-DATE/2000	8,930	50	8,980

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
(THOUSANDS)			
HEAD	2,201	1,419	3,620
LAST WEEK	2,123	1,423	3,546
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,447	1,424	3,871
TO-DATE/2001	40,036	22,554	62,590
TO-DATE/2000	43,556	23,356	66,912

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Apr 21, 2001	2001	2000/1	Year-To-Date	2000
Liquid	335	49	3,333	1,711
Frozen	0	0	0	40
Dried	0	0	22	112
Total	335	49	3,355	1,863

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Apr 21, 2001	2001	2000/1	Year-To-Date	2000
Liquid	57	16	1,516	1,997
Frozen	6	44	506	184
Dried	0	40	203	483
Total	63	100	2,225	2,664

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Apr 21, 2001	2001	2000/1	Year-To-Date	2000
Jumbo	0	60	87	306
Extra Large	690	890	9,396	9,253
Large	1,700	3,800	29,885	42,037
Medium	660	0	12,268	11,058
Ungraded	15,276	8,400	65,864	42,360
Misc	4,500	0	12,287	4,530
Total	22,826	13,150	129,787	109,544

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Pltry Development Div.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS). CENTS PER DOZEN

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
23-25	17-19	10-12

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
112-115	71-74	58-61	51-54	18-21

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
52-55	43-49	41-46	32-37	24-28

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG

MAY 01, 2001

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	108	96	89	51
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	102-106	91-95	82-86	44-48
MOSTLY	104-105	93-94	84-85	46-47
RHODE ISLAND	104-108	92-96	85-89	47-51
MOSTLY	104	92	85	47
VERMONT	110-111	99-100	89-92	-
MOSTLY	111	99	92	-

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 30-Apr-01	3,185	141,994	63,118
AM 1-Apr-01	3,877	116,507	62,425
CHG	-692	25487	693
PCT CHG	-18	22	1

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 28-Apr-01

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG	LY
ATLANTA	20.2	17.8	13	-41
BOSTON	3.9	3.9	0	5
CHICAGO	41.5	36.1	15	32
DETROIT	22.3	21.2	5	-1
KANSAS CITY	1.3	4.5	-71	-57
LOS ANGELES	81.9	80.2	2	-12
NEW ORLEANS	7.9	7.8	1	-15
NEW YORK	36.3	29.5	23	-4
ST. LOUIS	14.7	18.6	-21	20
SAN FRANCISCO	21.3	19.5	9	5
TOTAL	251.3	239.1	5	-6
4 WK MVG AVG	321.1			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 28-Apr-01

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	218.4	-4	0
E.N. CENTRAL	487.6	2	-6
W.N. CENTRAL	266.9	2	2
S. ATLANTIC	182.2	-3	-7
S. CENTRAL	74.8	-3	5
WEST	203.9	-3	9
TOTAL	1433.8	0	-1

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 90 90

EGG PRODUCTS**Shell Eggs Broken Down 7 Percent**

Shell eggs broken totaled 149 million dozen during March 2001, down 7 percent from March a year ago. Regional percentage changes were: North Atlantic, down 14 percent; North Central, down 5; South Atlantic, down 6 percent; South Central, down 16; and Western, down 11.

March 2001 contained 22 weekdays and five Saturdays compared to 23 weekdays and four Saturdays in March 2000.

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